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New pricing realities  
Wyner, Gordon A  
Marketing Research v13n1 PP: 34-35 Spring 2001  
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WORD COUNT: 1592

...TEXT: be thought of as strategic options relevant for certain customers, products, and situations. For example, auctions may appeal to bargainiers rather than convenience shoppers. They ...even to the individual level. what is the incremental revenue and profit from having a complex pricing Structure that attempts to align price and customers' willingness to pay? At what point is the cost of complexity for pricing worth the investment?

Finally, are there advantages to dynamically altering prices to reflect changing market conditions...

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A complicated relationship  
Watson, James K Jr; Fenner, Joe  
Informationweek n788 PP: RB24-RB26 May 29, 2000  
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...TEXT: reduction of costly errors.

For now, vertical business-to-business E-marketplaces will remain mostly auction sites, bidding sites, and comparison-shopping sites for spot purchases. The approach is viable, but only for...services, materials used in manufacturing, and retail items with sometimes unpredictable replenishment requirements and highly complex pricing arrangements. But until this happens, many sellers will continue to view E-marketplaces as third-party...

...to address the seller's needs.

Increasing Marketplace Complexity  
Online marketplaces need to go beyond auctions to offer contract management such as:

Facilitating price negotiations based on volumes over time, not...

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S4	593076	AUCTION? OR COMPETITIVE() (BUYING OR PURCHASE OR PURCHASING) OR BIDDING OR BIDDER OR BIDDERS OR BID()PRICING
S5	256578	S1(4N)S2
S6	137198	S1(4N)S3
S7	7663	S5(S)S6
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S5	176353	S1(4N)S2
S6	131424	S1(4N)S3
S7	5280	S5(20N)S6
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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIERARCHICAL ADMINISTRATION OF COMPLEX ITEM  
STRUCTURES FOR ON-LINE AUCTION ENVIRONMENTS  
SYSTEME ET PROCEDE D'ADMINISTRATION HIERARCHIQUE DE STRUCTURES D'ELEMENTS  
COMPLEXES POUR DES ENVIRONNEMENTS DE VENTE AUX ENCHERES EN LIGNE

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Detailed Description

#### Detailed Description

... the same throughout the auction. A Sealed-bid auction is either an English or Reverse auction in which all bids are concealed.

The application of these common bid evaluation algorithms drives the auction process and is central to the winner selection process. Bid evaluation is straightforward for simple item structures. The evaluation of prices for these structures typically involves a simple price-price and time-time evaluation. There is no associative information that must be assessed during the evaluation process.

Existing on-line auction systems do not support the auctioning of complex items consisting of interrelated subassemblies. The conventional approach is one of simple price...

...manufacturing equipment. Moreover, there are often complex relationships among the subassemblies comprising an item. A complex item structure has pricing information associated with each sub-assembly and sub-item, which may or may not be important to the price evaluation process. This additional information complicates the auction and increases the potential for misinterpretations that thwart a successful auction.

In view of the foregoing, there is a need in the art for a system...

...a hierarchy that organizes the complex item and the subassemblies in a format conducive for bidding by on-line bidders. Bids for individual subassemblies or entire complex items are input by bidding clients. The auction software module receives the competing bids, evaluates them, and selects winning bids.

The hierarchy that can be created to organize the complex item and subassemblies can be viewed as similar to a family tree with many levels of generations. At the highest level, the most complex item can be labeled as a first parent. The subassemblies that comprise the first parent...

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS  
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Detailed Description

Detailed Description  
... individually on each of the components.

what is needed is a real-time, web-enabled auction engine for complex,  
intangible goods, with specific application to marketing requests for  
proposal such as...  
...the group insurance marketplace.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a marketplace for auctioning requests  
for  
proposal that can include complex pricing arrangements and variable  
arrangement of sub units within the request for proposal. One  
particular application for this marketplace is to facilitate the  
auctioning of requests for proposal relating to group insurance.

One aspect of the present invention relates to a system and method for  
auctioning insurance requests for proposal that generates a request for  
proposal based on the insurance needs...as well as by individual  
products.

The insurance products included in an RFP can also involve multiple  
pricing tiers. Unlike conventional auctioning environments, the  
auction process provided by the insurance engine is configured to  
handle such complex price structures. For example, a medical  
insurance plan consisting of various benefits could be offered at the...

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Bidding information managing system for contracts through internet, has  
contract engine to receive bid comprising pricing structure and pricing  
amounts from one bidder and provide pricing structure for review by other  
bidders

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...and making the bid invitation available to a plurality of potential bidders, receiving from one or more of the potential bidders bid invitations containing a complex pricing structure and corresponding complex pricing amounts, and selecting a winning bidder based on the complex pricing amounts.